

PATENT APPLICATION

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SOUTA TAKEUCHI ET AL. )  
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: For: INK JET RECORDING HEAD AND )  
: INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS )  
: USING INK JET RECORDING HEAD ) October 14, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application, a copy of which is enclosed:

| <u>Application<br/>Number</u> | <u>Inventor(s)</u>   | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Group<br/>Art Unit</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| 09/584,485                    | Yoshiyuki Imanaka<br>Sadayuki Sugama<br>Ichiro Saito<br>Hiroyuki Ishinaga<br>Akihiro Yamanaka<br>Masahiko Kubota | June 1, 2000       | 2853                      | Allowed       |

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2002-79672, which relates to an inkjet recording head, is discussed in the specification, such as at page 3 thereof. U.S. Patent No. 6,474,790 B2 is a corresponding English-language document.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

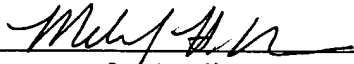
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#### CONCLUSION

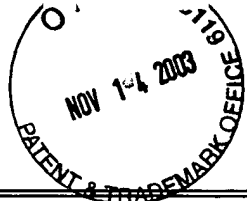
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

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| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS   |  |                    |   |                 |                                      |                                       |
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|   |  | 2002-79672         | 03/2002                                   | Japan           |                                      | Abstract*                             |
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| <b>*Note: U.S. counterpart Patent No. 6,474,790 B2 is submitted herewith.</b>   |  |                    |   |                 |                                      |                                       |
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